

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action mailed September 30, 2008, which rejected all pending claims, has been reviewed. Applicants acknowledge claims 2 and 6-19 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 3-4 in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Moreover, Applicants have reviewed the Office Action of September 30, 2008, and submit that the following Remarks are responsive to all points raised therein. Applicants believe that currently pending claims 1 and 3-4 are now in form for allowance.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 and 3-4 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 5 and 13 have been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, for example, at page 8, line 25 and page 24, lines 15-17. No new matter has been added.

Objection to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to delete the embedded hyperlink as requested by the Examiner. Applicants have also amended the specification to include the proper sequence identifier numbers as requested by the Examiner. As such, applicants request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Objection to the Drawings

Applicants have submitted corrected drawing sheets that provide English labels, rather than German labels as requested by the Examiner. As such, applicants request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Objections to the Claims

Applicants have amended claim 1 for clarity. Claim 5 has been withdrawn. As such applicants request withdrawal of the objection to claims 1 and 5.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC § 101

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC § 101 as not being directed to statutory subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been amended as suggested by the examiner. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC §112

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC § 112.

Claim 1 has been amended as supported by page 8, line 25 and page 24, lines 15-17 of the specification. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Rejection of Claim 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC §102(b)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Andrews et al. (US Patent No. 5,187,080).

Applicants have amended claim 1. Andrews et al. does not teach all of the elements of amended claim 1 and as such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable and in form for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-4260.

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